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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Contact by Senate Intelligence Oversight Committee
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1. On 15 April 1977 I was contacted by phone by Mr. Tom Moore, a member of the staff of the Senate Intelligence Oversight Committee. We had a meeting with Mr. Moore earlier in the week under the sponsorship of the Comptroller, to go over a number of questions that Mr. Moore had regarding the proposed reduction in the CIA ADP budget. Mr. Moore wanted to know whether he could resolve a couple of questions over the phone, or whether they would be too sensitive to discuss on an unclassified telephone. I told him to fire the questions at me and I would answer only those that appeared to be related to unclassified information.

2. The first question Mr. Moore asked pertained to our plan to purchase a 370/168 computer for use in GC-47 in support of the DDO requirements. Mr. Moore asked whether this 168 computer and the other computers in the DDO Center supported only DDO requirements. I told Mr. Moore that this Center is operated primarily in support of the DDO requirements, as explained in our original meeting with Mr. Moore. However, in the night hours, when the on-line DDO service is closed down, we take over the computers in this Center and use them to support the spillover of Batch-type service from our main Computer Center. I told Mr. Moore that the CAMS computer that we had referred to earlier is physically installed in the same Center as the two machines used in support of the DDO. The CAMS machine is used in a very time-sensitive operation and has a requirement that it not be out of service for more than an hour at any given time. Accordingly, it was necessary for us to make arrangements to provide a backup facility to use in the event that the main CAMS computer failed for an extended period of time. We have reached an agreement with DDO giving us preempt authority over one of the two machines that are normally used in the DDO service. In the event of failure of the CAMS computer, we would preempt one of the two 370/158's in the DDO Center and convert that

computer for use in the CAMS operation. In summarizing, I told Mr. Moore that the machines used normally for DDO operations are employed for two other purposes: 1) to back up our main Center with a Batch capability at night, and 2) to back up the CAMS computer in the event it fails and it appears that there will be an extended outage.

3. Mr. Moore then wanted to know whether the 370/168 computer that we planned for FY-78 would be fully loaded by DDO at the time of its installation. He also wanted to know when we expected to install the computer. I told him that we hoped to get the computer in before the end of the current calendar year. He wanted to know how long it would take us to install it. I said that our experience with the 168 indicates that it can be installed and put in operation within about a 30 day period. I told him that by the time the 370/168 is installed, the two 158 computers in this Center would have reached their saturation point. When the 168 is installed, we would place the full load of that Center on the 168. We would convert one of the 158's for the CAMS operation, replacing the 360/65, and the other 158 would become a backup for use in support of the 370/168 and CAMS. At the time of its activation, the 370/168 would only be partially loaded. Our projections of future workload on this machine indicate that it probably will carry the load in that Center until 1981. Mr. Moore wanted to know how much bigger the 168 was than the 158. I told him that it had about four or five times the capacity of a 158. He said "You mean that the increase in capacity for the Center is over 100%?" I said "That is correct."

4. The next question that Mr. Moore asked pertained to our plan to purchase another 168 for use in the GC-03 Center. He said that in reviewing his notes, it sounded like we had said that we have a 370/168 already used in support of the VM system, and that we planned to replace that 168 with another 168, also in support of the VM operation. He wanted to know whether his notes were correct. I said "Yes, your notes are essentially correct. However, the new 168 that we plan to bring in to the VM service was a specially configured machine designed to provide an enhancement of the VM operation." In effect, this enhanced machine would enable us to support 225 subscribers simultaneously during the peak period instead of the 160 concurrent subscribers currently possible with the present VM system. He then wanted to know what we planned to do with the current 168 that would be freed-up at the time we brought in the new 168. I told him that that machine would go into a Batch service, giving us the additional capability for Batch processing that we projected would be needed in that period of time.

5. The next question that Mr. Moore asked was regarding the SAFE computers. He wanted to know what we planned in the way of computers in support of the SAFE system. I told him that we had not yet completed the design and it was our intent to let the design competition contracts this year. It would probably be about a year before we were able to pin down the kinds of computers that we would use in the SAFE operation. He then wanted to know how we were able to undertake site preparation when we had not yet selected the computers. I said that it was our judgment that, considering the workload to be done by the SAFE system, it would require computers approximately equivalent to two 370/168's in size. We had designed several hypothetical configurations which would enable us to satisfy the SAFE requirements with a variety of computer systems. These formed the basis for the general scoping of the site preparation work. He then wanted to know whether there were any site preparation costs associated with the planned installation of the 370/168 in GC-47 and the other 370/168 in GC-03. I told him that there was a general upgrading of utilities already underway, which would provide the required amount of chilled water, chilled air, and no-break uninterruptable power systems for these two 370/168's. I said no additional site preparation costs are likely.

6. Mr. Moore then asked if it would be possible to get a copy of the Five Year Plan that we were in the process of implementing, and which had been mentioned in our previous meeting with him. I told Mr. Moore that the Plan we were working from was not fit for further dissemination, that in fact, we were working from a Plan that was several years old, which had been partially updated and which did not contain sufficient narrative data to make a great deal of sense to an outside reviewer. I did not think that that Plan was suitable for further dissemination. Fortunately, he dropped the subject at that point.


7. Subsequent to my discussions with Mr. Moore, I advised [REDACTED] regarding the above matters. I also suggested to [REDACTED] that guidelines should be provided in the Agency regarding how to respond to these telephone calls directly from Congressional Committee staffers. I told him that I thought it was unwise that Congressional Committee staffers have free license to call anyone within the Agency. I felt that any calls from Congressional sources should be funneled through a single source in

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the Agency, and that any replies or responses to the questions raised by these staffers should also be funneled back to Congress through this same individual.


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